## WHAT WE CLAIM IS:

- 1. A cleaner that is an aqueous solution containing phosphoric acid, hydrofluoric acid, and ammonia and/or amine and having a pH ranging from 2 to 12, wherein said aqueous solution contains:
  - 0.5 to 25 mass% of phosphoric acid,
  - 0.1 to 10 mass% of ammonia and/or amine, and  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  to 5.0 mass% of hydrofluoric acid.
- The cleaner according to claim 2, wherein the
  pH is regulated by phosphoric acid.
  - 3. The cleaner according to claim 1 or 2, which further includes a surface active agent and/or a chelate agent.
- 4. The clearer according to any one of claims 1 to 3, which further includes hydrogen peroxide.
  - 5. The cleaner according to any one of claims 1 to 4, which is used for cleaning off particles and/or metal impurities out of the surface of a semiconductor device substrate.

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